

A-Level English Literature Workshops: New Teacher Questionnaire

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1a. The lecture and workshop(s) helped my students to develop and improve close reading and critical thinking skills.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Students being given the poem with little direction + encouraged to explore it independently with no right / wrong answer developed their confidence.

2a. The lecture and workshop(s) were useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my students' learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The contextual information + the poem links really well with the GCSE texts we study - Leave Taking + Romeo + Juliet.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) were received well and have changed the way my students think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Students found the workshop interesting & engaging
& responded with enthusiasm.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped my students to prepare for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Agree- building confidence with unseen
poetry.

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

- more time for feedback.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Students are given some key, specific historical context which will immediately help them to unpick the poem based on love in apartheid. The idea of the relationship between speaker and subject is critical and will enormously help them to analyse poetry at GCSE level.

2a. The lecture and workshop(s) were useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my students' learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

We have just studied Winifred Pinnock's 'Leave Taking' and ideas around diaspora, racial prejudice and identity are really helpful in allowing students to frame their understanding.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) were received well and have changed the way my students think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The students have shifted their view on how a poem can be in dialect, and the way poetry can take you into the experience of a time and nation unfamiliar to you.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped my students to prepare for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Really vital for analysis in English Literature GCSE and especially the modern play and poetry sections. Excellent.

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

A wonderful experience - our Y10s were inspired and loved it!

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I enjoyed looking at the poem in closer detail

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Lecture and Workshop were very interesting as was the poem, and not something I would have known about otherwise. The poem was beautiful.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I learnt more about the law in South Africa regarding love, to inform my views.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The critical thinking skills learnt will certainly help in the poetry section.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helped me realise struggles people have been through.

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Made me think and learn new things.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It was good

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Educational but not for
assessments

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I was very interested in ~~the~~ learning about the racial segregation laws in South Africa, as it ~~was~~ is a common topic I hear a lot about but don't know too much of.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It gave me time to analyse the text and think about the meaning

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It was useful because we had just finished leave taking

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It gave me greater insight into the problems with the South African Apartheid

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It gave me a chance to practice my analysing skills

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The discussion about the poem was very interesting

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I learn a lot more about literature and colonialism

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I have learned more about colonialism

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Yes, made me put events in perspective
I realise how recent mistreatment is
was & helped me in relation
to leave talking.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Yes, made me realise how recent these events were & put ~~them~~ colonisation in a better context / perspective.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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Maybe make it more interactive / group work competitions?

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Strongly Agree
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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

we are doing love and relationship for our GCSE's and I found this very helpful.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

dying for love can be beautiful

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

prepared for love + relationship poems

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

We are doing power + conflict poetry in our GCSE and this lecture allowed us to further acknowledge + think about how racial discrimination can cause so much conflict.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

dying for love can be beautiful

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

gave a deeper knowledge of love + conflict

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

we do similar things in GCSE class!!

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

☐

Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

unfortunately it was too short but that was beyond control

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I hour wasn't really enough time to properly think through the poem in enough detail

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It links in nicely with our love + relationships poetry, and the stories of love were sweet, saddening, but also opened up my world view a bit.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I hadn't really considered before how Apartheid could impact interracial relationships / friendships.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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I would like it to be longer! There was a lot of interesting stories and contexts that I would have liked to hear about in more detail.

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helps me use

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Relevant to Leave Taking text
Helps me use context

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The hardships of people back then and makes me grateful for ~~my~~ now privileged my life is now.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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